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EXDIS - FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: APRIL 6 HIRC TESTIMONY--Q'S AND A'S

REF: TELCONS WITH DILLON APRIL 5

1. THE SECRETARY AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY ANTICIPATE THAT QUESTIONS MAY BE RAISED AT APRIL 6 HIRC HEARING REGARDING THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPECTATIONS CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE PROSPECTIVE TURKISH CYPRIOT TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS. THEY WILL BE FULLY SENSITIVE TO TURKISH CONCERNS ABOUT LINKAGE BUT WOULD LIKE TO BE AS POSITIVE AND FORTHCOMING IN THEIR RESPONSE TO THE ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT GOING BEYOND WHAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. WE CAN STICK WITH WHAT TURKS HAVE ALREADY SAID PUBLICLY BUT WOULD PREFER TO GO FURTHER TO DEMONSTRATE THE PRESENT POSITIVE TURKISH ATTITUDE.

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2. ON BEHALF DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RAISING THIS MATTER WITH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT IN EFFORT SECURE HIS AGREEMENT TO SPECIFIC LANGUAGE WE CAN EMPLOY. WE WILL NEED YOUR REPLY BY FLASH TELEGRAM BY OPENING OF BUSINESS IN WASHINGTON APRIL 6.

3. WE HAVE PREPARED THE FOLLOWING Q AND A AS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE DIRECTION WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE AND THE DETAIL WE

WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE. WE LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER TO TRY THIS TEXT ON ECEVIT, BUT YOU SHOULD ASSURE HIM IN ANY EVENT THAT THIS WOULD BE USED ONLY IF APPROVED BY HIM, OR AS REVISED BY HIM.

4. BEGIN TEXT: QUESTION: WHEN WILL THE TURKS BE PUTTING FORWARD THEIR NEW CYPRUS PROPOSALS? DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION AS TO THEIR CONTENT?

ANSWER: WE UNDERSTAND THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES WILL PRESENT THEIR NEW TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM IN ABOUT TEN DAYS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL IS TRAVELLING IN EUROPE AT THE MOMENT AND WILL NOT BE BACK IN NEW YORK UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH.

WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THESE NEW PROPOSALS WILL BE CONCRETE, REASONABLE AND FORTHCOMING, AND THAT THEY WILL REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE OVER WHAT WAS OFFERED AT THE TALKS IN VIENNA A YEAR AGO. THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL WILL PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR A GENUINE FEDERAL STRUCTURE. THE TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL WILL INCLUDE THE CESSION OF SUBSTANTIAL AREAS TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS AND WILL SET FORTH CONFIDENTIAL

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PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF VAROSHA. END TEXT.

5. IN PREPARED STATEMENT, SECRETARY WILL NOTE QUOTE: THE TURKISH SIDE IS ACTIVELY FORMULATING CONSTITUTIONAL AND TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS WHICH THEY BELIEVE WILL SERVE AS A BASIS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF ACTIVE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS. END QUOTE.

6. WE SHARE AMBASSADOR'S CONCERN (ANKARA 2581) ON HOW TO ANSWER QUESTION CONCERNING ECEVIT'S APRIL 4 PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT, AS QUOTED IN WASHINGTON POST, TO EFFECT THAT LIFTING EMBARGO AND GRANTING OF 1979 ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH TO GET U.S. INSTALLATIONS REOPENED. IN ADDITION CYPRUS QUESTION, AMBASSADOR SHOULD ALSO SEEK ECEVIT'S AGREEMENT ON LANGUAGE THAT COULD BE USED SHOULD THIS QUESTION ARISE. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT SHARES OUR DESIRE TO SEE THE RAPID REOPENING OF THE INSTALLATIONS FOLLOWING THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO AND THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE WE WILL COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS TO REACH A NEW BASIS FOR U.S. OPERATIONS IN TURKEY. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT WE WOULD

ANTICIPATE IMMEDIATE REOPENING FOLLOWING REPEAL OF 620(X)
EVEN IF NEW ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULLY WORKED
OUT.

7. PLEASE ASSURE ECEVIT THAT CHRISTOPHER IS RAISING THESE
MATTERS ONLY IN AN EFFORT TO BE HELPFUL IN THE FULLEST
SENSE. WE WILL UNDERSTAND IF ECEVIT'S TIMING DOES NOT
PERMIT US TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AT THE PRESENT MOMENT AS IT
WOULD SEEM USEFUL FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT. THE IMPORTANT
MATTER IS TO RETAIN EACH OTHER'S FULL CONFIDENCE, FOR WE
ARE ONLY COMMENCING WHAT WILL BE A LONG AND DIFFICULT
LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

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